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PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants : Rakha Hari DAS, et al.  
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Art Unit : Not Yet Assigned  
Examiner : Not Yet Assigned  
For : METHOD FOR DETECTING PATHOGENIC MYCOBACTERIA  
IN CLINICAL SPECIMENS

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as set forth below.